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and 90 Australian and Polynesian. 452 of these are new to our collection, and 30 of them represent new genera.

It is hoped that the additional space soon to be at command of the Academy will enable the Curators to provide some means for the expansion of the botanical collections. When we took possession of the present cases, large room was left for growth, but nineteen years have crowded the shelves to the point of injury to the contents. If the present shelf room were doubled there would still be very moderate space for that future increase of the herbarium which may be reasonably expected.

The present cases, though so much in advance of previous accommodation do not afford adequate protection from dust, and should be fitted with dust-tight doors, and all new cases should be of the best dust-proof construction.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. REDFIELD,

Conservator.

REPORT OF THE MINERALOGICAL AND GEOLOGICAL SECTION.

Meetings of the Section have been held regularly during the year except during the summer months. The attendance has not been large, but this has been due, in great part, to illness and absence from the city of several active members. There has been no lack of interest. The additions to the museum have been satisfactory.

It is hoped that in the new building space and cases may be provided for a display of the minerals and rocks of the vicinity of our city, for it is believed that the present small and poor local collection could easily be increased so as to be a most valuable and interesting feature of the museum.

The following officers have been elected for the ensuing year:—

<i>Director,</i>	. . . . .	Theodore D. Rand.
<i>Vice-Director,</i>	. . . . .	W. W. Jefferis.
<i>Conservator,</i>	. . . . .	W. W. Jefferis.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	. . . . .	John Ford.
<i>Corresponding Secretary,</i>	. . . . .	Chas. Schäffer, M.D.
<i>Recorder,</i>	. . . . .	Chas. Schäffer, M.D.

Respectfully submitted,

THEO. D. RAND, *Director.*